

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Irving Johnson of Clarendon Hills,
4 Illinois on February 26, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Irving Johnson was born in Chicago and raised in
6 Tinley Park; he was encouraged by his high school chemistry
7 teacher and, with the teacher's help, he earned a scholarship
8 to Cornell College in Iowa; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson received a Master's degree and
10 doctorate from Columbia University; in 1946 he joined the
11 chemistry department at Oklahoma State University, focusing
12 on high-temperature chemistry, teaching basic graduate
13 courses in physical chemistry, and supervising the work of
14 master's and doctoral students; and

15 WHEREAS, Irving Johnson moved on to the Ford Scientific
16 Laboratory in 1953, where he studied fuel combustion; in 1957
17 he joined Argonne National Laboratory; during his twenty-nine
18 years at Argonne he worked in the chemical engineering
19 division of the laboratory; he earned worldwide respect for
20 his work in thermodynamics of liquid metal and molten salts;
21 he also worked as a general advisor in the chemical
22 technology division; Mr. Johnson was also an emeritus fellow
23 of the American Institute of Chemists; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson enjoyed classical music and
25 photography; Irving Johnson is survived by his loving wife of
26 fifty-eight years, Alice; his sons, Karl and Tom; and his
27 three grandchildren; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
30 his family and friends, the passing of Irving Johnson of
31 Clarendon Hills, Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Irving Johnson.